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1. At about 11:45 p.m. on 12 April 1954, 15 trucks with trailers carrying pontoons drove toward Naumburg from the direction of Saalebahnhof in Jena.  1

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2. At about 4:45 p.m. on 11 April, a column marched from Loebstedt toward Jena. It was organized as follows: 1 band, 60 officer students with tank insignia, 120 men with tank insignia and about 80 soldiers with artillery insignia, 80 officer students, 88 soldiers with field uniforms without branch-of-service insignia and 200 troops with new uniforms with tank or artillery insignia. The review was held in connection with the Organisation Dienst fuer Deutschland (Service for Germany Organization) (ODF) meeting held from 9 to 11 April. The column was dissolved at the market square in Jena. The soldiers referred to as "officer students" wore new uniforms with blue-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets and vizor caps.

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3. On 11 April, intensive activity was noticed at Zeitzer Forst training grounds. Many troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank or motor transport insignia bivouacked in tents and in the open. Troops practiced firing with tanks and machine guns at the firing range. T-34/85 tanks  were parked at the edge of the training grounds, camouflaged by tarpaulins. Truck  25X1C occupied by 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, left the training grounds at about 6 p.m.<sup>2</sup>

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